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Folks, this settlement makes me so angry it is hard to put into words how completely let down I am about how the Justice Department has handled this case since the change of administrations. I strongly believe that this settlement will do absolutely nothing to force Microsoft to change their ways. Simple proof, see how embedded into the Windows experience the Windows Media Player is in the new XP version. No company will ever ever be able to compete with this, and this "settlement" will not stop Microsoft from continuing such practices.

Suffice it to say that if I read a quote from Bill Gates such as this one from CNN.com:

Microsoft's chairman, Bill Gates, on Thursday defended the settlement as tough but one that "we're really pleased to have." "Despite the restrictions and the things in this settlement, having the uncertainty removed and the resource-drain removed we think is very positive, not only for Microsoft but for the industry," Gates said in an interview. "We're hopeful to get it put behind us."

I am sure they (microsoft) are convinced they have gotten away with massive Anti-Trust infringements that continue to impair the progress of technology.

If Gates is happy, he has obviously won, I am not happy. Evil has prevailed.

Do you in the Justice department actually feel good about this? I would hope that any reasonable self respecting and sentient being on this planet would see the err in these ways.

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